

We need your ideas!

We need your comments to help us define the issues and alternatives as we evaluate the environmental impacts of a proposed project. Western Area Power Administration received a request to interconnect to our transmission system from Generadoro del Desierto S.A. de C.V. and North Branch Resources, LLC. They plan to build a power plant just across the international border in Sonora, Mexico.

The project proponents requested Western build transmission lines connecting the proposed power plant to the existing Gila and North Gila substations near Yuma, Arizona. If approved, the project transmission line components would interconnect with and be owned, operated and maintained by Western. The project proponents have also applied to the Department of Energy for a presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain and connect electrical transmission facilities at the U.S. international border.

As part of their decision processes, Western and DOE's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability will prepare an environmental impact statement to address the impacts within the United States of the proposed project. Staff from Western and the Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability Office identified a preliminary list of issues to be addressed in the EIS. These include impacts on:

- Protected, threatened, endangered or sensitive species of animals or plants or their critical habitats
- Floodplains and wetlands
- Cultural or historic resources
- Human health and safety
- Land use and agriculture
- Air, soil and water resources
- Visual effects
- Minority and low income populations

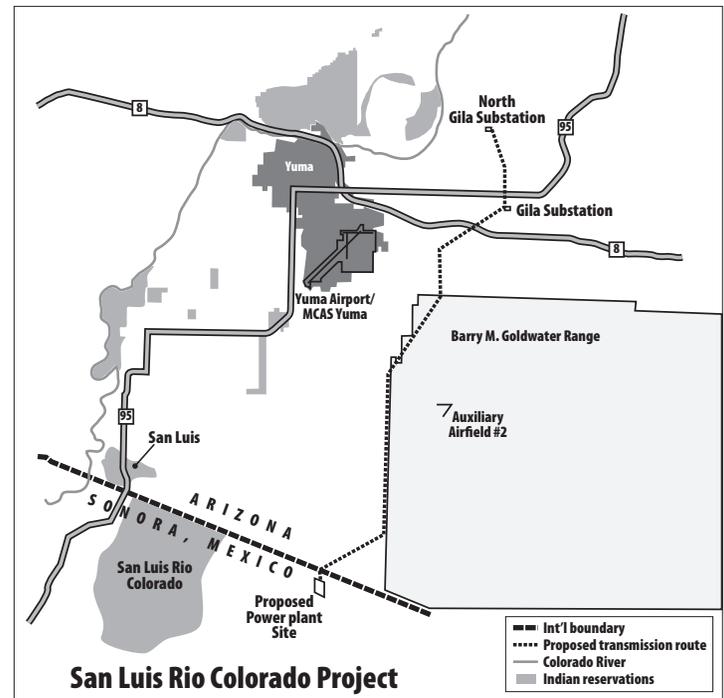
We seek additional issues and concerns from the public to be considered in the EIS.

Western will host informal public meetings, February 28, March 1, 9 and 10, to help define the scope of the San Luis Rio Colorado Project EIS. The meeting locations are handicapped accessible and an interpreter to assist Spanish-speaking persons will be available.

Join us on Feb 28 or March 9 in Yuma or March 1 or 10 in San Luis to learn more about this proposed project and to share your ideas:

Yuma Civic and Convention Center
1440 West Desert Hills Drive
Feb. 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.
March 9, 1 to 4 and 5 to 8 p.m.

San Luis High School
1250 North 8th Ave.
March 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.
Fernando Padilla Community Center
800 East Juan Sanchez Blvd.
March 10, 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.



Need more info?

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